ORDER

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Upon the stipulation of facts and agreement of the parties herein, which is incorporated by reference, the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders for relief as adopted by the Zoning Commissioner in the matter in Case No. 91-278-XA, as modified by said stipulation and agreement, are ADOPTED AND ORDERED by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County this 2nd day of October ____, 1991.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Harry E/ Buchheister, Jr.

sidewalk over the Falls Road bridge and the subject "at grade crossing"

Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association, and cited the follow-

ing areas of concern regarding the proposed station in which she believes

will negatively impact this community; i.e., the proposed parking lot,

increased traffic congestion, noise, and the undesirable diffusion of light

onto residential properties. She testified that she was also concerned

that vibration caused by the trains may damage the many historical struc-

tures located in close proximity to the station. Additionally, she indicat-

ed her opposition to the "at-grade crossing" currently proposed for pedes-

north of the subject station on the opposite side of the subject right-of-

way. Mr. Brookhart testified that he has lived on this property for 45

years and has enjoyed very quiet residential living during this time. He

testified that he was concerned with the negative impact that he foresees

the proposed station will have on his property, specifically, but not limit-

ed to, the diffusion of light, riders of the train parking on his access

tion and the light rail line in general which have been expressed in detail

The Protestants have voiced real concerns regarding the proposed sta-

road (Railroad Avenue) and people trespassing on his property.

Mr. Benjamin Brookhart, indicated that his property is located to the

trian traffic.

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Mrs. Sarah Lord testified, in her capacity as Zoning Chairman of the

Mr. Kenneth Goon, Director of Planning for the Maryland Mass Transit Administration, indicated that the subject station will be one of twentyfive stations along the line, this one serving the general community along the Falls Road corridor. He testified regarding the desirability of locating a station that will strategically service both the residential and business communities of this area. Mr. Goon testified that the proposed parking lot containing seventy five parking spaces will be, in his opinion, more than adequate to handle the "Park and Ride" commuter. However, Mr. Goon indicated that the parking area would be expanded if additional parking were needed. Mr. Goon testified regarding the need for the requested variances to accommodate the "highblocks". Mr. Goon indicated that "highblocks" permit handicapped individuals to board and alight the train without having to negotiate steps. Mr. Goon testified that there was no discernible way in which to incorporate the "highblocks" into the subject station without the requested variance relief. He also indicated that the Petitioner had experienced a similar problem with the subject shelter which

Mrs. Louise Hildreth testified as a Protestant in her capacity as President of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association. She ty that the rail station presents and the negative impact the station will have on traffic congestion in the area.

requires an 8 ft. rear yard setback in lieu of the required 30 ft.

Mr. Emil Budnitz, Jr., indicated that, although he was in favor of the proposed light rail station, he was concerned that passengers of the light rail may be inclined to use his parking lots which are located on the opposite side of the subject right-of-way from the proposed station. Er.

MARYLAND MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION * E/s Falls Rd., 540 'N of c/l Lakeside Drive (Falls Rd. Rail Passenger Station) 9th Election District Councilmanic District SE-Falls Road Rail Passenger Station use area located in D.R.5.5. & 0-1 zones.

VAR-Setbacks 3/12/91 -Z.C.'s Order Granting Petitions with restrictions. RUXTON-RIDERWOOD-LAKE ROLAND AREA IMPR. ASSOC. AND BENJAMIN BROOKHART Appellants/Protestants

COUNTY BOARD APPEALS

BEFORE THE

BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 91-278-XA

STIPULATION OF FACTS AND AGREEMENT

Appellants/Protestants, the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association and Benjamin Brookhart, and Appellee, Maryland Mass Transit Administration, stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The findings of fact and conclusions of law as contained in the decision of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in case No. 91-278-XA dated March 12, 1991 regarding the within matter as ammended by the restrictions outlined below are true and appropriate findings for adoption by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the within matter.

2. The relief ordered by the Zoning Commissioner and the restrictions and conditions appurtenant thereto, as modified below, constitute appropriate relief to be granted in the within matter and the parties consent to an order granting such relief.

3. The restrictions outlined by the Zoning Commissioner in the above stated decision as contained in paragraph No.3 thereof are modified and amended to read as follows:

> The Petitioner/ Appellee shall prepare a landscape plan to be approved by the deputy director of the Office of Planning and Zoning and the Baltimore County landscape planner. The landscape plan shall include the vegetative buffer/pedestrian barrier along the Railroad Ave.property line. It shall include plans for an 8 foot high wooden board fence approximately 500 feet in length. The beginning point of the fence shall be approximately at light rail station NE358 and continue to station NE362+92. The fence shall be located between the present paved portion of Railroad Avenue and the location of light rail facilities. The precise location of the fence to be agreed upon by the parties. The design, width, and composition of additional vegetation should be developed in conjunction with the Landscape Planner and Deputy Director. Said plan should be submitted to the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County for final approval within 45 days of the execution by the Board of an order pursuant to this stipulation and agreement.

RUXTON-RIDERWOOD-LAKE ROLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

traffic problems and disturb the quiet enjoyment of the homes near the However, on considering the appropriateness of a special exception use, the hearing officer's scope of review is narrowly tailored. The issue in the Special Exception is whether or not the requirements of Section 502 of the B.C.Z.R. have been successfully met by the Petitioner. The cases clearly establish that ". . . the appropriate standard to be used in determining whether a requested special exception use would have an adverse affect and, therefore, should be denied is whether there are facts and circumstances that show the particular use, proposed at the particular location, would have any adverse affect above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone." Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1, 432 A.2d 1319 at 1327

The Court stated in Schultz that,

". . . the {Petitioner} does not have the burden cf establishing affirmatively that his proposed use would be a benefit to the community. . ."

There was no evidence produced at the hearing that showed the proposed station would have any adverse affect above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz, supra.

It is clear that a rail line has been in this location for at least the past 50 years. The Baltimore County Council has affirmatively ruled (Bill #91-90) that such light rail stations are part of a light rail system which is permitted in this zone. The Zoning Commissioner understands the concerns and apprehensions of the Protestants, but the issues to be decided relative to the special exception request are ones of law. The concerns presented by the Protestants are concerns not unlike those that IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE AND ZONING VARIANCE E/S Falls Road, 540 ft. of c/l * ZONING COMMISSIONER of Lakeside Drive Falls Rd. Rail Passenger Station * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 9th Election District 4th Councilmanic District * CASE # 91-278-XA Maryland Mass Transit Admin. Petitioner ******

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests, pursuant to the Petition for Special Exception and Baltimore County Council Bill #91-90, permission to construct the Falls Road Passenger Station on the subject site, and a Petition for Zoning Variance from Sections 204.4.A, 1802.2.B (V.B.2.,CMDP) to permit at the Falls Road Rail Station a 7 ft. rear yard setback for the southbound highblock (ramp) and an 8 ft. rear yard setback for the shelter in lieu of the required 30 ft. setback in the 0-1 zone; a Zoning Variance from Sections 255.2, 243.1 to permit a 45 ft. front yard setback for the northbound highblock (ramp) in lieu of the required 75 ft. setback in the M.L. zone, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

The Petitioner, by Kenneth Goon, appeared, testified and was represented by Irwin Brown, Esquire. Appearing and testifying as a Protestant, and represented by William Hesson, Esquire, was Louise Hildreth, President of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association. Also appearing and testifying as Protestants were Messrs. Benjamin Brookhart, Emil Budnitz, Jr., and Mrs. Sarah F. Lord. There were numerous other Protestants as evidenced by the Protestants Sign-in Sheet.

Testimony indicated that the subject property site known as the Falls Road Rail Passenger Station and Transit Facility is located on the east side of Old Falls Road abutting the Mass Transit Administration's right-ofway, as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

> would arise in any residential zone where a light rail station might be placed. However, as the Court states in Schultz,

> > ". . . if there is no probative evidence of harm or disturbance in light of the nature of the zone involved or of factors causing disharmony to the operation of the comprehensive plan, a denial of an application for a special exception use is arbitrary, capricious and illegal." (at p. 1325)

The Protestants also expressed concern regarding the left hand turn lane which is proposed to access the facility. The Protestants expressed their concern that the proposed turning lane would create a bottleneck on the future Falls Road bridge (See Petitioner's Exhibit No. 8). However, the Baltimore County Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) which includes review by the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, offered no comment regarding this matter. As no expert testimony was presented at the hearing regarding this matter, the Zoning Commissioner must rely on the expertise of those county agencies charged with such review.

The Protestants also expressed concern regarding the requested variance relief which is necessitated as a result of the narrow width of the subject railroad right-of-way where the station must be placed. Mitigation of Protestants concerns can be best accomplished by affirmative tion on the part of the Petitioner by creating a vegetative buffer/pedestrian barrier (in the nature of vegetative barriers, raised planters and vertical evergreen growing stock), roughly along the Railroad Avenue property line. The barrier should be constructed in such a manner so as to impede, if not eliminate, trespassing on private property. The barrier should begin at a point 25 ft. south of the access sidewalk and continue to a point even with the artificial vehicular barrier to be constructed for the purpose of blocking vehicular traffic from using Old

by the community representatives. However, the issue regarding the appropriateness of the light rail system as a whole is an issue not before the Zoning Commissioner. The Protestants explained in great detail why they believe a Falls Road Station at the proposed location would be adverse to their community. They believe the twin station will intensify existing

ZONING DESCRIPTION BALTIMORE COUNTY FALLS ROAD RAIL PASSENGER STATION AND TRANSIT FACILITY

TAX MAP 79, GRID 3, PARCEL 333 AND PART MTA CLRL R/W (PAGE 1 OF 3)

BEGINNING for the same at a point on the centerline of Old Falls Road. variable width where said centerline meets MTA's southeasterly right-of-wav line, formerly Consolidated Rail Corporation's southeasterly right-of-way line.

THENCE the following bearings and distances as referred to the true meridian as adopted by the MTA. "The Maryland State Plane Coordinate System." as defined by 1983 North American

- 1) Along MTA's southeasterly right-of-wav line by the arc of a circle, curving to the right, having a radius of 1718.37 feet, a chord bearing of North 46° 28' 42" East, a chord length of 230.90 feet, and an arc distance of 231.07 feet to a point:
- 2) Thence leaving MTA's southeasterly right-of-way line by a line, not tangent to the preceding arc, bearing North 39° 40' 10" West. for a distance of 66.00 feet to a point on the MTA's northwesterly right-of-way line:
- 3) Thence along the MTA's northwesterly right-of-way line the following four bearings and distances, by the arc of a circle, not tangent to the preceding line, curving to the right, having a radius of 1784.37 feet. a chord bearing of North 50° 39' 52" East. a chord length of 20.77 feet to a point:
- 4) Thence by a line, tangent to the preceding arc, bearing North 50° 59' 51" East. for a distance of 160.54 feet to a point:

NOTICE OF HEATING

Case number: 91-278-XA E/S Falls Poed, 540' N. of cfl

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Special Exception: for the Falls Road Ral Passenger State-ion use area located in the D.R.5.5 and 0-1 zones. Variance: to permit a 7 foot rear yerd selback for the southbound highblock (ramp) and an 8 foot rear yerd selback for the shelter in the 0-1 zone; to permit a 5 foot test yerd selback for the northbound highblock (ramp) in the northbound highblock (ramp) in the of the required 75 foot selback in the M.L.

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TOWSON, MD., .. THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of _____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on $\frac{1-31}{199}$.

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5) Thence by the arc of a circle, tangent to the preceding line, curving to the right, having a radius of 5769.08 feet, a chord bearing of North 52° 31' 20" East, a chord length of 307.07 feet, and an arc distance of 307.10 feet to a point:

- 6) Thence by a line, tangent to the preceding arc, bearing North 54° 02' 51" East, for a distance of 84.49 feet to a point:
- 7) Thence leaving MTA's northwesterly right-of-way line by a line bearing South 29° 16' 32" East. for a distance of 66.45 feet to a point on the MTA's southeasterly right-of-way line:
- 8) Thence leaving the MTA's southeasterly right-of-way line by a line bearing South 25° 16' 32" East. 445.11 feet to a point in or near the center of Jones Falls;
- 9) Thence in or near the bed of Jones Falls the following two bearings and distances:
- South 54° 05' 40" West, 100.00 feet to a point: 10) Thence South 67° 55' 45" West. 758.40 feet to a point
- on the centerline of Old Falls Road: 11) Thence along the centerline of Old Falls Road North 10° 59' 16" West, 233.67 feet to the place of

CONTAINING in all 7.492 acres more or less.

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Zoning Commisioner

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TAX MAP 79, GRID 3, PARCEL 333 AND PART MTA CLRL R/W (PAGE 3 OF 3)

Subject to the following:

- 24 foot permanent access easement, as shown on Central Light Rail Line Construction Contract No CL32, DWG CC-140-00
- 10 foot right-of-way for sanitary sewer recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book No GLB 18/136 - Variable utility easement as shown on Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Plan and Construction Plan 73-049

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-The right-of-way of Old Falls Road



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91-278-27 CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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ZONING COMMISSIONER BATTHORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

DATE: 2 12 91

Mass Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington Street

Case Number: 91-278-XA

Dear Petitioner(s):

captioned property.

Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

E/S Falls Road, 540' N of c/l Lakeside Drive

9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic

Falls Road Rail Passenger Station and Transit Facility

Petitioner(s): Maryland Mass Transit Administration

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.

Please be advised that \$ 156.77 is due for advertising and posting of the above

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE

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set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson,

Maryland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

Towson, MD 21204

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

> 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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January 18, 1991

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case Number: 91-278-XA E/S Falls Road, 540' N of c/l Lakeside Drive Falls Road Rail Passenger Station and Transit Facility 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Maryland Mass Transit Administration HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.

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J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of

Baltimore County

setback in the M.L. zone.

cc: Mass Transit Administration (Irwin Brown, Esq./Christine A. Wells)



Hearing Room -

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 315 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 887-3180

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Room 301, County Office Bldg. May 1, 1991

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RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

CASE NO. 91-278-XA MARYLAND MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION E/s Falls Rd., 540'Nof c/l Lakeside Drive (Falls Rd. Rail Passenger Station) 9th Election District 4th Councilmanic District

> SE-Falls Road Rail Passenger Station use area located in D.R.5.5 & 0-1 zones. VAR-Setbacks

> 3/12/91 -Z.C.'s Order GRANTING Petitions with restrictions.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1991 AT 12:00 NOON ASSIGNED FOR:

Appellant/Protestant cc: Ms. Sarah F. Lord Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Impr. Assoc.

William Hesson, Esquire Kenneth Goon Maryland Mass Transit Administration Petitioner Counsel for Petitioner Irwin Brown, Esquire

Ms. Louise Hildreth, Pres. Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Impr. Assoc. Mr. Benjamin Brookhart

Emil Budnitz, Jr. People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields

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9th Election District

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Legal Secretary

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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1991 AT 12:00 NOON ASSIGNED FOR:

Appellant/Protestant cc: Ms. Sarah F. Lord Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Impr. Assoc./ William Hesson, Esquire

Kenneth Goon Maryland Mass Transit Administration Petitioner Counsel for Petitioner Irwin Brown, Esquire Ms. Louise Hildreth, Pres. Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland

Impr. Assoc. Mr. Benjamin Brookhart Reople's Counsel for Baltimore County out set Shirley Hess 5/2/91 P. David Fields Pat Keller Public Services out ser Paula 5/24/9 J. Robert Haines FCB Ann M. Nastarowicz

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

January 11, 1991

Irwin Brown, Esquire 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, MD 21201

> RE: Item No. 276, Case No. 91-278-XA Petitioner: M.T.A., et al Petition for Zoning Variance and Special Exception

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, JAMES E. DYER

> > Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Christine A. Wells Mass Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington STreet

Traffic Engineer Associate II

Baltimore County Government,
Department of Public Works

February 19, 1991

Z.A.C. 1/22/91

Lakeside Drive

7.492 acres

Please see the C.R.G. comments for this site.

Passenger Station

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Flanigan

Maryland Mass Transit Adm.

E/S Falls Road, 540' N. of

Special Exception for Rail

4th Councilmanic District

D.R.-5.5 and 01 zones

9th Election District

Bureau of Traffic Engineering

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401 Bosley Avenue Suite 405

Mr. J. Robert Haines

Zoning Commissioner

Item 276

District:

Property Owner:

Existing Zoning:

Proposed Zoning:

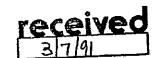
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County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

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Fax 887-5784

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 23rd day of January, 1990.

Petitioner: M.T.A., et al Petitioner's Attorney: Irwin Brown BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

DATE: January 25, 1991

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Maryland Mass Transit Admininstration, Item No. 276

In reference to the Petitioner's request, staff offers no

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

PK/JL/cmm

ITEM276/ZAC1

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500

(301) 887-4500

JANUARY 18, 1991

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner:

MARYLAND MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Location:

FALLS ROAD RAIL PASSENGER STATION AND TRANSIT FACILITY

Item No.: 276

Zoning Agenda: JANUARY 22, 1991

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Special Inspection Division

JK/KEK

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: January 23, 1991

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for January 22, 1991

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments for Items 266, 270, and 274.

For Items 268, 275, 276 and 277, the previous County Review Group Comments are still applicable.

For Item 272, the driveway location shown would require the relocation of Pole #140031. Also, an extension of the public sanitary sewer in Ellinwood Road or Hazelwood Avenue

may be required to serve this property.

MARCH 27, 1991

THE PUXTON. RIDERWOOD-LAKE ROLAND AREA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF ME ANT MRS. DENJAMIN BROOKHART AND OTHER AFFECTED RESIDENTS, HEREBY FILES FOR APPEAL IN CASE 91-278-XA.

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Appeal Checklist - Case No. 91-278-XA RE: Maryland Mass Transit Administration April 23, 1991 Page 2

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning & Zoning Patrick Keller, Office of Planning & Zoning J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner Ann M. Nastarowicz, Deputy Zoning Commissioner James E. Dyer, Zoning Supervisor W. Carl Richards, Jr., Zoning Coordinator Docket Clerk Arnold Jablon, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Public Services

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

April 24, 1991

Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Room 315 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Special Exception and Zoning Variance E/S Falls Road, 540 ft. of c/1 of Lakeside Drive Falls Road Rail Passenger Station 9th Election District, 4th Councilmanic District MARYLAND MASS TRANSIT ADMIN. - Petitioner Case No. 91-278-XA

Dear Board:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on March 27, 1991 by Sarah F. Lord, Protestant on behalf of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded herewith.

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

> . ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: Kenneth Goon - Maryland Mass Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-3415

Irwin Brown, Esquire, 300 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

William Hesson, Esquire 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Appeal Cover Letter - Case No. 91-278-XA Re: Maryland Mass Transit Administration April 23, 1991

> Louise Hildreth, President Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association 912 Rolandvue Road, Towson, MD 21204

Benjamin Brookhart, 4 Railroad Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209 Emil Budnitz, Jr., 6115 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209 Sarah F. Lord, 6219 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209

People's Counsel of Baltimore County Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

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APPEAL

Petition for Special Exception and Zoning Variance E/S Falls Road, 540 ft. of c/1 of Lakeside Drive Falls Road Rail Passenger Station 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District MARYLAND MASS TRANSIT ADMIN. - Petitioner Case No. 91-278-XA

Petition for Special Exception and Zoning Variance

Description of Property Certificate of Posting

Certificate of Publication

Entry of Appearance of People's Counsel

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments

Director of Planning & Zoning Comments

Petitioner's Exhibits: 1. - 7. - Plan to accompany Zoning Petitions

(7 Sheets)

8. Drawing of access routes to the station

9. Drawing showing dimensions of platforms and trackway

Protestant's Exhibits: 1. Ten (10) photographs of the railway

Zoning Commissioner's Order dated March 12, 1991 (Granted with restrictions)

Notice of Appeal received March 27, 1991 from Sarah F. Lord, Protestant on behalf of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association

cc: Kenneth Goon - Maryland Mass Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-3415

Irwin Brown, Esquire, 300 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

William Hesson, Esquire 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Louise Hildreth, President Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association

912 Rolandvue Road, Towson, MD 21204

Emil Budnitz, Jr., 6115 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209

Benjamin Brookhart, 4 Railroad Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209

Sarah F. Lord, 6219 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209

People's Counsel of Baltimore County

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 315 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 887-3180

October 16, 1991

Irwin Brown, Chief Counsel Maryland Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, MD 21201-3415

RE: Case No. 91-278-XA Maryland Mass Transit Admin.

Dear Brown:

The Board is in receipt of your letter of October 10 which submitted to this Board a copy of the Falls Road station landscape and fence plan as approved by the Deputy Director and the Landscape Planner of the Office of Planning & Zoning.

Please be advised that this meets with the approval of this Board in compliance with the Board's Order dated October 2, 1991. The above-referenced plan will be included as part of the file and, upon closing of same, will be forwarded to the Zoning Office.

Sincerely,

William William T. Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals

cc: Ms. Nancy W. Horst
Mr. Benjamin Brookhart
P. David Fields Pat Keller Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco James E. Dyer W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, Director of Zoning Administration

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Department of Public Works Bureau of Traffic Engineering

401 Bosley Avenue Suite 405 Towson, MD 21204

Fax 887-5784

February 19, 1991

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Maryland Mass Transit Adm.

4th Councilmanic District

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Item 276 Property Owner: Existing Zoring:

Dear Mr. Haines:

E/S Falls Road, 540' N. of Lakeside Drive D.R.-5.5 and 01 zones Proposed Zoning: Special Exception for Rail Passenger Station 7.492 acres 9th Election District

Area: District:

Please see the C.R.G. comments for this site.

Very truly yours, Raher of Family fer Michael S. Flanigan Traffic Engineer Associate II

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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May 17, 1991

Ms. Sarah Lord President The Falls Road Scenic Route Group 6219 Falls Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209

> RE: Petition for Special Exception and Zoning Variance Case No. 91-278-XA Falls Road Passenger Station Maryland Mass Transit Administration - Petitioner

Dear Ms. Lord:

I am in receipt of your May 13, 1991 letter concerning the above captioned matter that is on appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. William Hackett, Chairman of the Baltimore County Board of Appeals with a copy of this letter.

The issue that you have raised concerning the 45 day requirement involves the jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals, and it is my opinion that the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner has no right to interfere in this matter any further.

> Very truly yours,
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> Sobort Haines /Zoning Commissioner

cc: William T. Hackett, Chairman Baltimore County Board of Appeals

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4/29/91

RE: Case No. 91-278-XA /Maryland Mass Transit Admin.

Appeal from decision rendered by Zoning Commissioner regarding Falls Road Rail Station --

Pursuant to Bill #91-90, the Board is to schedule appeals from Zoning Commissioner's decision within 45 days of the date on which the appeal was taken.

RE the subject matter -appealed 3/27/91; therefore, would have to be scheduled for hearing by 5/10/91.

File was received by this office from Zoning on 4/25/91 (last Thursday).

Telephone call received this date from Christine Wells (333-2875) with the MTA Planning Department, inquiring after date for appeal hearing (she also just received her notification of appeal this

I told her we would review the docket and that I would get back to ther sometime on Tuesday 4/30/91.

See attached file and copy of pertinent legislation.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 1990, Legislative Day No. 10

B411 No. 91-90

Mr. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, Councilman By Request of County Executive

TASSED: 6/18/90 - Effective: 8/13/90 -

By the County Council, May 21, 1990

A BILL ENTITLE

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Public Hearings for Transit Facilities Confug Regulations Transit Encillities

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at 12:00 noon

Ms. Sarah F. Lord

Kenneth Goon of

Impr. Assoc.

Emil Budnitz, Jr.

P. David Fields

Public Services

James E. Dyer

Consent Order.

To be reset.

J. Robert Haines

Ann M. Nastarowicz

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Docket Clerk - Zoning

to Board for issuance of Order.

Pat Keller

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Irwin Brown, Esquire

Mr. Benjamin Brookhart

Ms. Louise Hildreth, Pres.

Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland

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Maryland Mass Transit Administration

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Arnold Jablon, Chief Deputy County Attorney

5/17/91 -Postponed at hearing pending settlement; I. Brown, Esquire to provide

9/24/91 -Letter from I. Brown, Esquire, requesting hearing; settlement not possible.

9/30/91 -Letter from I. Brown, Esquire, submitting Stipulation and Agreement of parties

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ABORD TO EXISTING LAW. "Hiracketal indicate mitter atricken from existing law Steike out indicates matter stricken from bill. Under tining indicates assendments to bill.

5/1/91 - Following parties notified of hearing set for May 17, 1991

May 15, 1991

re: Case No. 91-278-XA /Maryland Mass Transit Administration (Light Rail Station)

Notes re attached letter from Sarah Lord regarding Light Rail zoning appeal set for Friday, May 17, 1991 --

COMMENT: Most of Ms. Lord's letter refers to a proposed fence to be built along the Brookharts' property line and the fact that were the State to agree to this fence as detailed

> The first paragraph of her letter deals with the required time limit on the appeal hearing scheduled before the Board. See the following comments.

Per paragraph 1:

Section 22-26(d)(4) states: The Board of Appeals shall schedule a public hearing for a date not more than forty-five (45) days after such notice of appeal is received by the Zoning Commissioner. The Board shall issue its decision within fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of its public hearing. There shall be appropriate notice of the date, time and location of the public

While the appeal was filed in Zoning on March 27, it was not received by the Board until April 25, 1991. In order to give ample time for notification of the hearing to all interested parties, to properly post the property, and also find a date on the Board's heavily-set docket, it was necessary to go beyond the required time as permitted by the last sentence as stated above. (We are about

Hearing scheduled for Friday, May 17, 1991 at 12:00 noon.

within the attached, the appeal would be dismissed.

Bill 91-90 /Public Hearings for Transit Facilities

hearing and posting of the property at issue as otherwise provided in the charter, law and the Board's own Rules of Procedure.

one week beyond the 45-day period.)

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

September 24, 1991

Mr. William Hacket Chairman County Board of Appeals Baltimore County Baltimore County Office Building, Room 315 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 91-278-XA Falls Road Light Rail Station

Dear Mr. Hacket:

Despite some rather strenuous efforts on the part of the MTA, the parties in the above matter have been unable to reach agreement by way of stipulation on appeal. Your cooperation in setting this matter in on the Board's agenda at the earliest possible time would be appreciated in light of the additional state expenses incurred as a result of this delay.

Very truly yours,

Irwin Brown Chief Counsel

cc: Ms. Sarah Lord

Mr. Benjamin Brookhart The Ruxton Riderwood Lake Roland Improvement Association

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300 West Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

September 30, 1991

Mr. William Hacket, Chairman County Board of Appeals Baltimore County Office Building, Room 315 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 91-278-XA Falls Road Light Rail Station

Dear Mr. Hacket:

This is to follow up my letter to you of September 24, 1991, regarding the above matter and requesting that it be placed on the Board's agenda as soon as possible. I am pleased to report that the parties have now, in fact, reached agreement as evidenced by the signed stipulation which is enclosed. I have also prepared a proposed order for the Board's consideration now that agreement has been reached.

The Falls Road Scenic Route Group

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Dear Board:

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13 May, 1991

For the Board's information, the MTA is already in the process of securing approval of the Landscape Planner and the Deputy Director of Planning for submission to the Board in accordance with the terms of the stipulation. Because the Landscape Planner has already reviewed these plans, the MTA expects that this submission will be forthcoming shortly.

A copy of any signed order by the Board would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

· Ann Irwin Brown, Chief Counsel

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October 10, 1991

Mr. William Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals Baltimore County Office Building, Room 315 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 91-278-XA Falls Road Light Rail Station

Pear Mr. Hackett:

Pursuant to the final order of the Board entered in the above referenced matter on October 2, 1991, I am enclosing a copy of the Falls Road station landscape and fence plan which has been approved by the Deputy Director and the Landscape Planner of the Office of Flanning and Zoning. If this plan meets with the approval of the Board in accordance with it's order, please advise me of same.

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To: Ms. Nancy W. Horst

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The Halls Road Scenic Route Group

Residences and Businesses sharing the Falls Road as it enters Baltimore County

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson. Md. 21204 28 February, 1991 Case #91-278-XA

Dear Commissioner Haines,

At the zoning hearing you presided over yesterday, we were very grateful for the chance to shed light on a few of the thorny problems associated with the Falls Road LRT station. I am enclosing copies of the positions taken by our neighborhoods a year and a half ago, as I mistakenly did not spell them out entirely accurately.

Ken Goon's testimony -- that this station "is designed to serve the residential community, and that it is one of what we consider our neighborhood stations" -- is misleading, in our view. Neighborhood stations do not overwhelm the neighborhoods they serve.

Even at 75 spaces, the parking lot is MUCH larger than at any other residential site. Magnet parking lots belong on the beltway. The fact that this cannot be the case on this route, at least not any time soon, should not be reason to overpower our longstanding, ethnically diverse residential communities. By all indications, this facility is being designed as a regional lot, poised to balloon to 150 spaces -- or more. Indeed this DOES adversely affect the health, safety and general welfare of the

residents around it.

Our terror is that we are about to be overrun: that the scale of this project will intensify existing traffic problems, burden us with new hazards, necessitate the widening of Falls Road -- in short destroy the viability of our neighborhoods.

The now enormous Falls Road station was initially proposed as

"a small park-and-ride or kiss-and-ride" and "a walk-in stop for the Bare Hills community" (MD. EER, p. 3-28).
It turns out that safety, environmental, and zoning standards cannot be met at this site. Variances have been required on all fronts. If zoning variances are granted in this case, then it is our view that the homeowners and residents of the eight dwellings on Railroad Avenue and in the 6100 block of Falls Road deserve fair compensation. A number of them are in ill health, and all of them will have drastically lost value on their houses. A year ago these modest houses enjoyed a great deal of privacy, because they were in a cul de sac (with NO at-grade crossing since 1927) and they were buffered on the south by trees and dense vegetation. The train passed by at 5 mph twice a WEEK during the day. A year from now these residents will be jammed up against station lights and noise, parking lot bustle, illumination, trash and **sec**urity problems, auto traffic to and fro, 155 DR trains every 7 1/2 minutes by day, two or three very noisy freight trains each night, and the federal requirement that every train's engineer blast a series of loud warning whistles (designating the letter "Q") at the at-grade crossing.

Mr. Brookhart, his wife, his brother and his sister have the added worry of the subst**ation** being placed 95 ft. and 160 ft.

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October 25, 1989

Mr. Roanld J. Hartman Administrator, Mass Transit Administration 300 West Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Enclosed are two petitions of some significance.

The first indicates that the residents of Bare Hills and adjacent areas are either 1) in opposition to any station at that location or 2) are in opposition to a station, as currently planned. (Seventy-five spaces, although a reduction, is obviously not acceptable). If one notes the street addresses of those who signed, it is clear that the area is making a nearly unanimous statement.

The second petition concerns the Route 25 bridge and repeats the often quoted position that construction of the system should not begin until a replacement overhead span is completed. In this case safety is the most compelling factor.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Area Resident)

Jame S.B. Lawrence 6137 Barroll Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209

cc: Dennis F. Rasmussen Barbara Bachur

Barbara Bachur Melvin G. Mintz Frank Kelly Robert Erlich A. Wade Kach Ellen R. Saurbrey Christopher B. West WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE OPPOSED TO A CCLR TRANSIT STATION IN BARE HILLS.

- 1) A transit stop at the proposed location would intensify the dangerous and congested traffic situation at the Jones Falls Falls Road Lake Avenue intersection.
- The number of parking spaces proposed is unacceptably large, creating a regional, not a neighborhood stop. (75 spaces to 163 spaces are examples of figures given to date). The MTA's consultants predict that 85% of the lot would be used by auto traffic not currently traveling Falls Road.
- A station at the proposed location would intensify the pressure to further commercialize the area and to widen adjacent roads. (Lake Avenue and Falls Road). This is contrary to the goals of our community associations.
- The safety of the proposed location is questionable. It is located below the Lake Roland dam and abuts the Jones Falls Flood plain.

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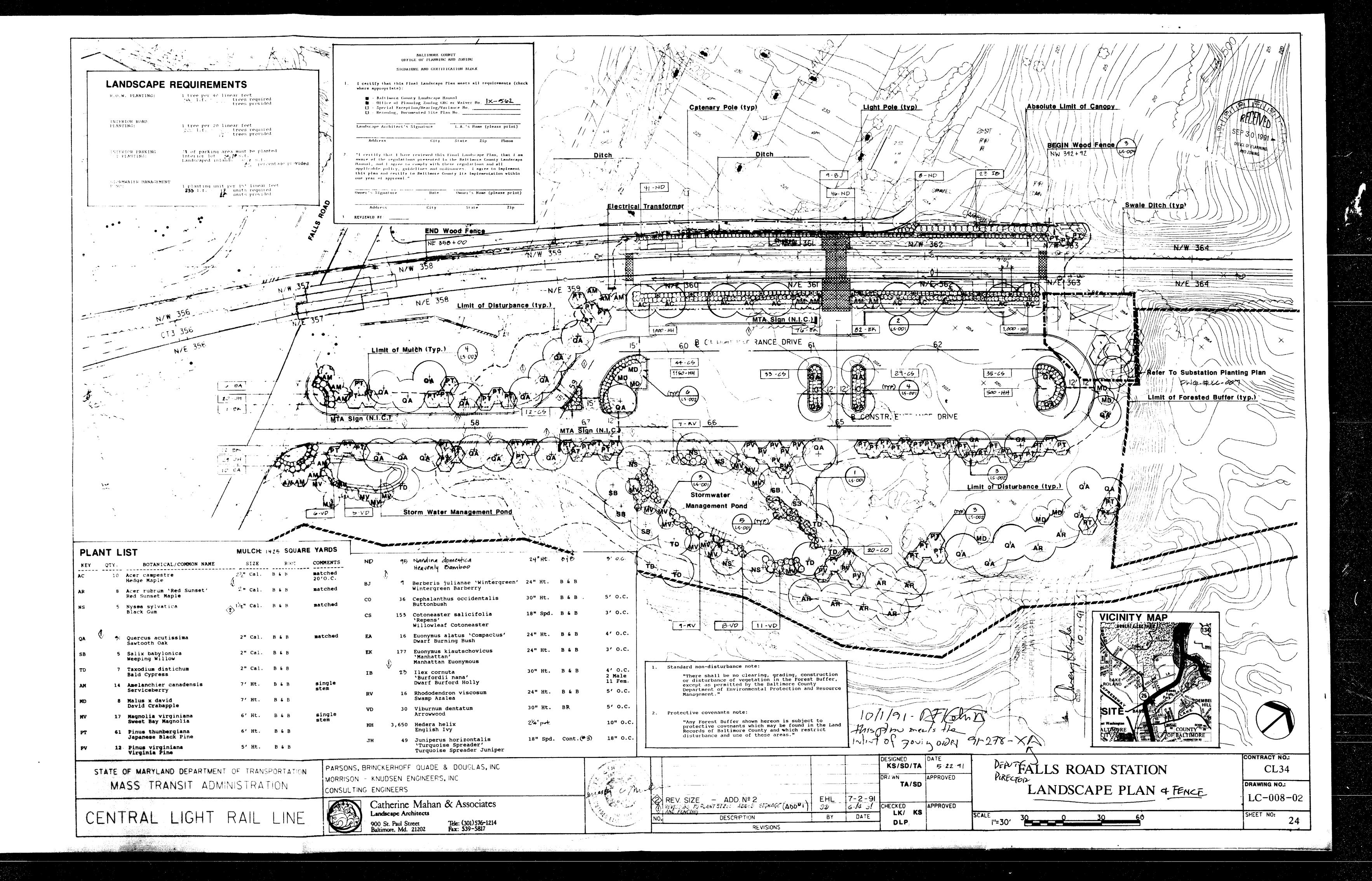
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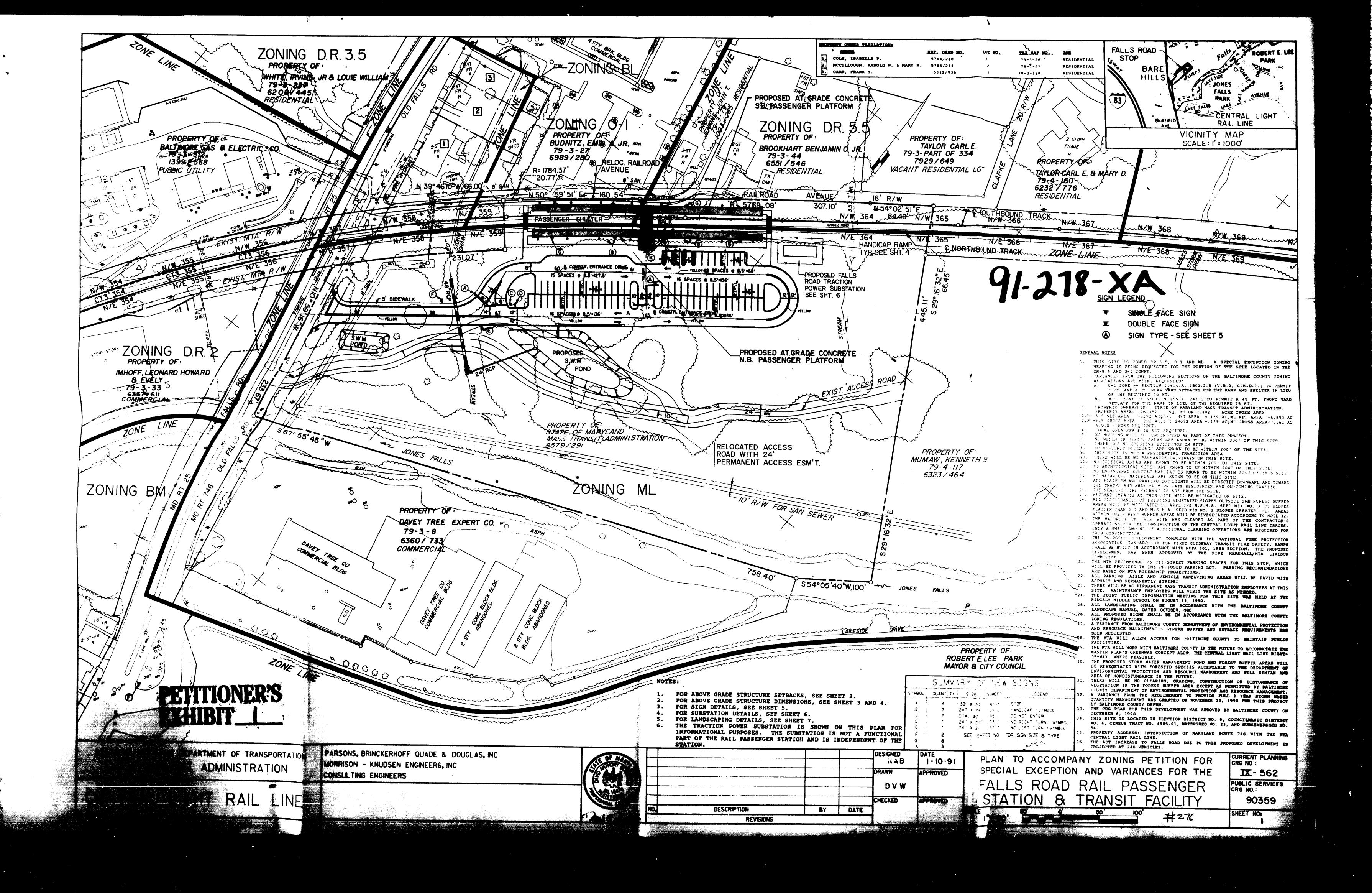
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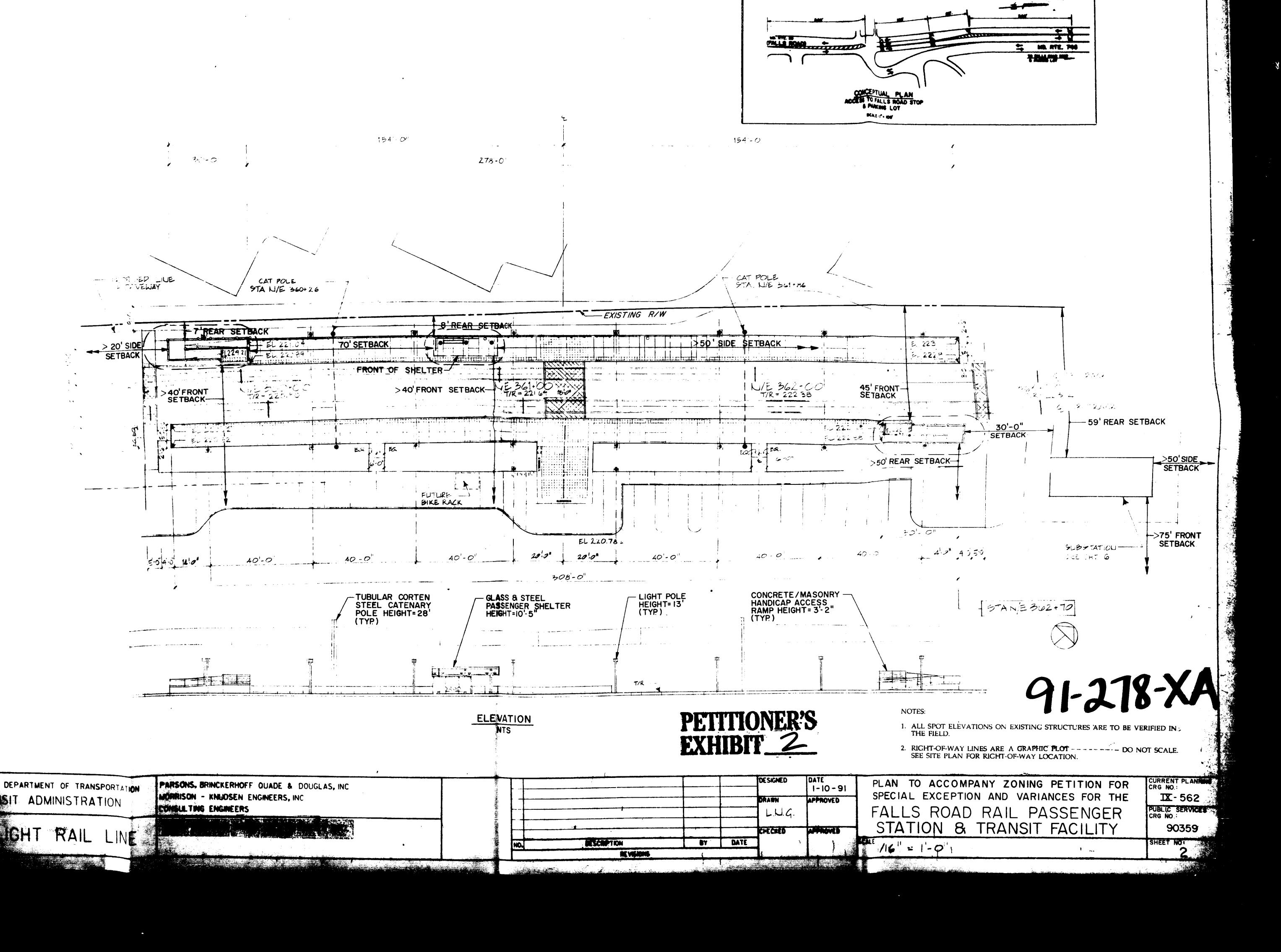
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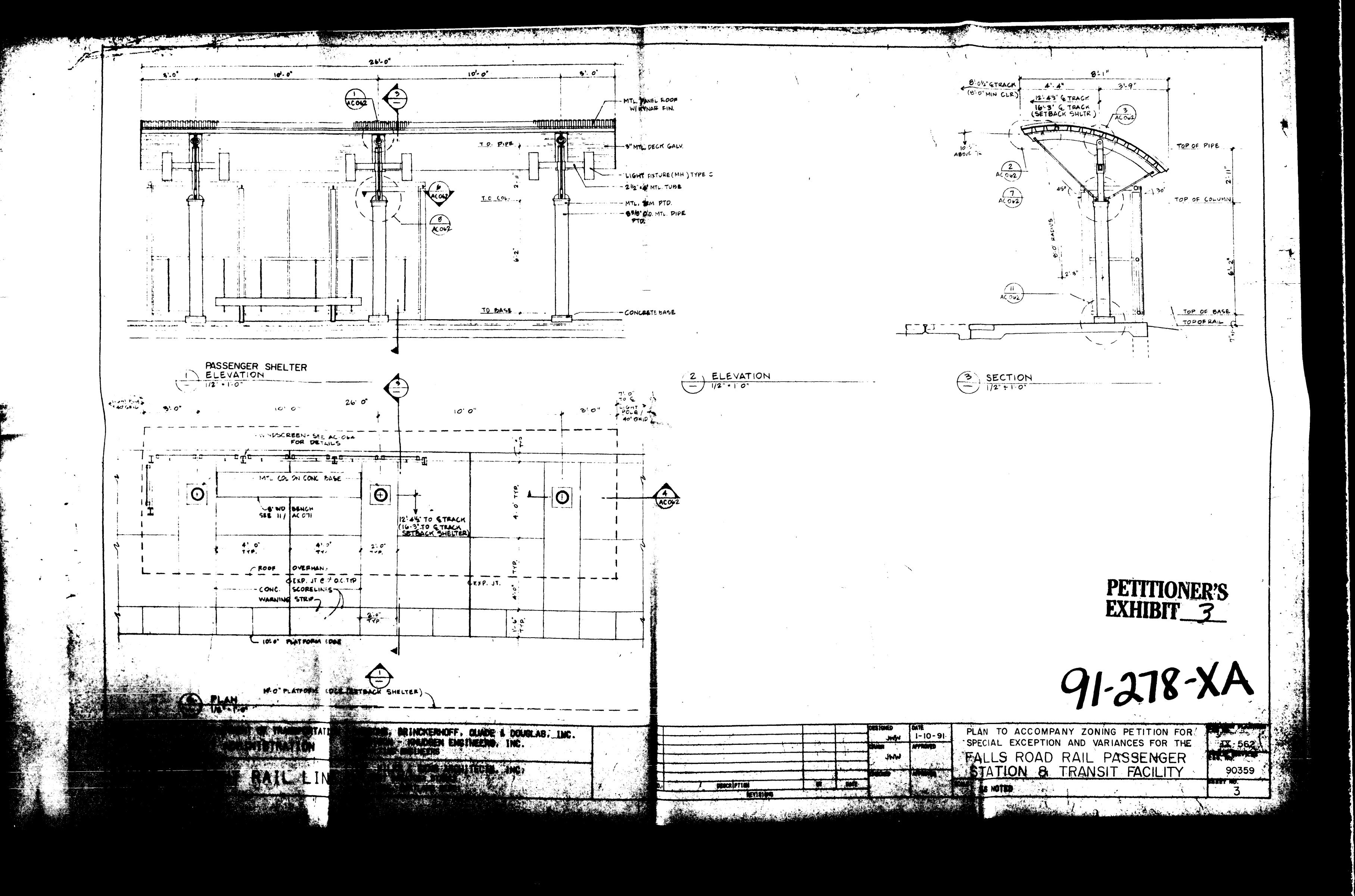
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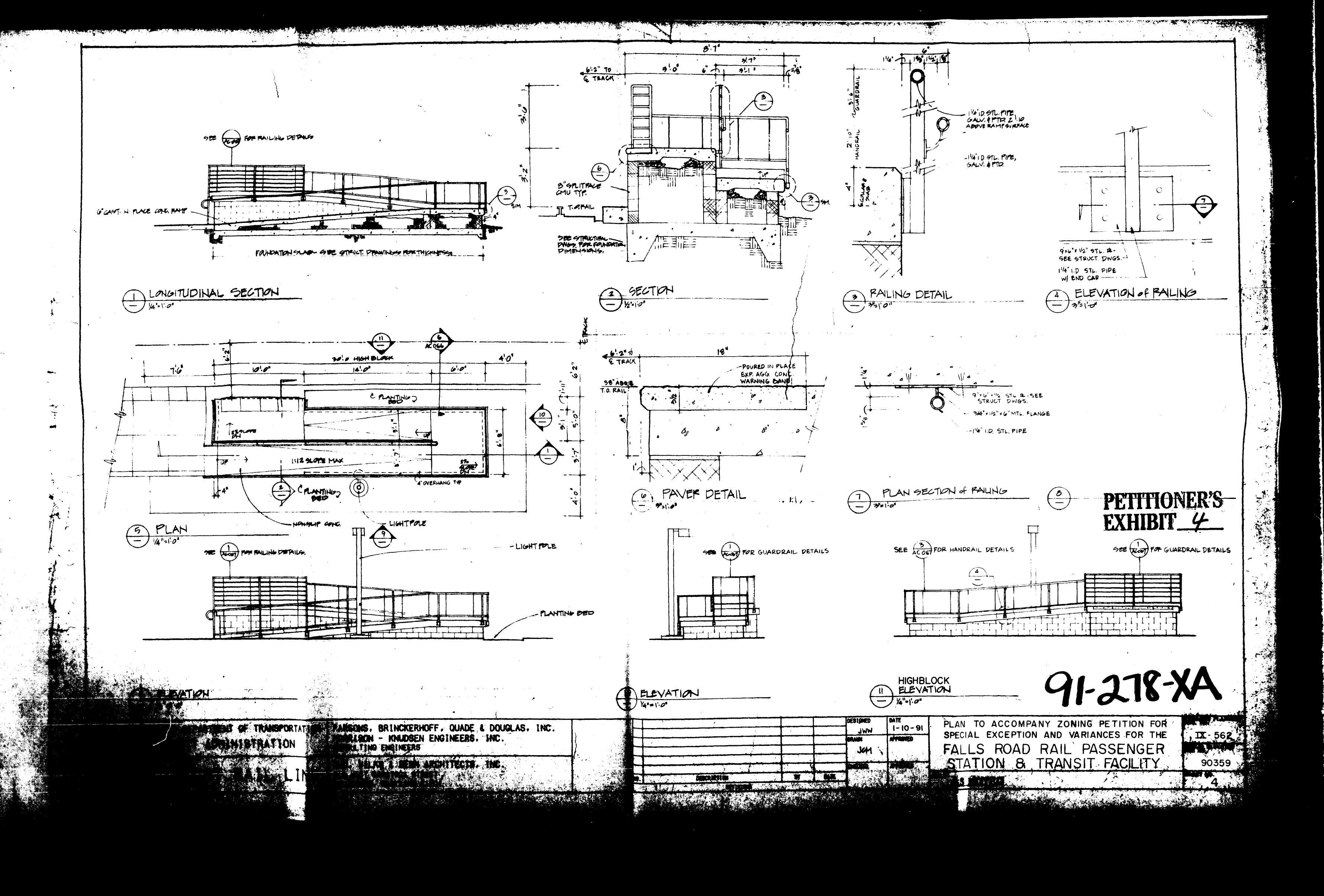


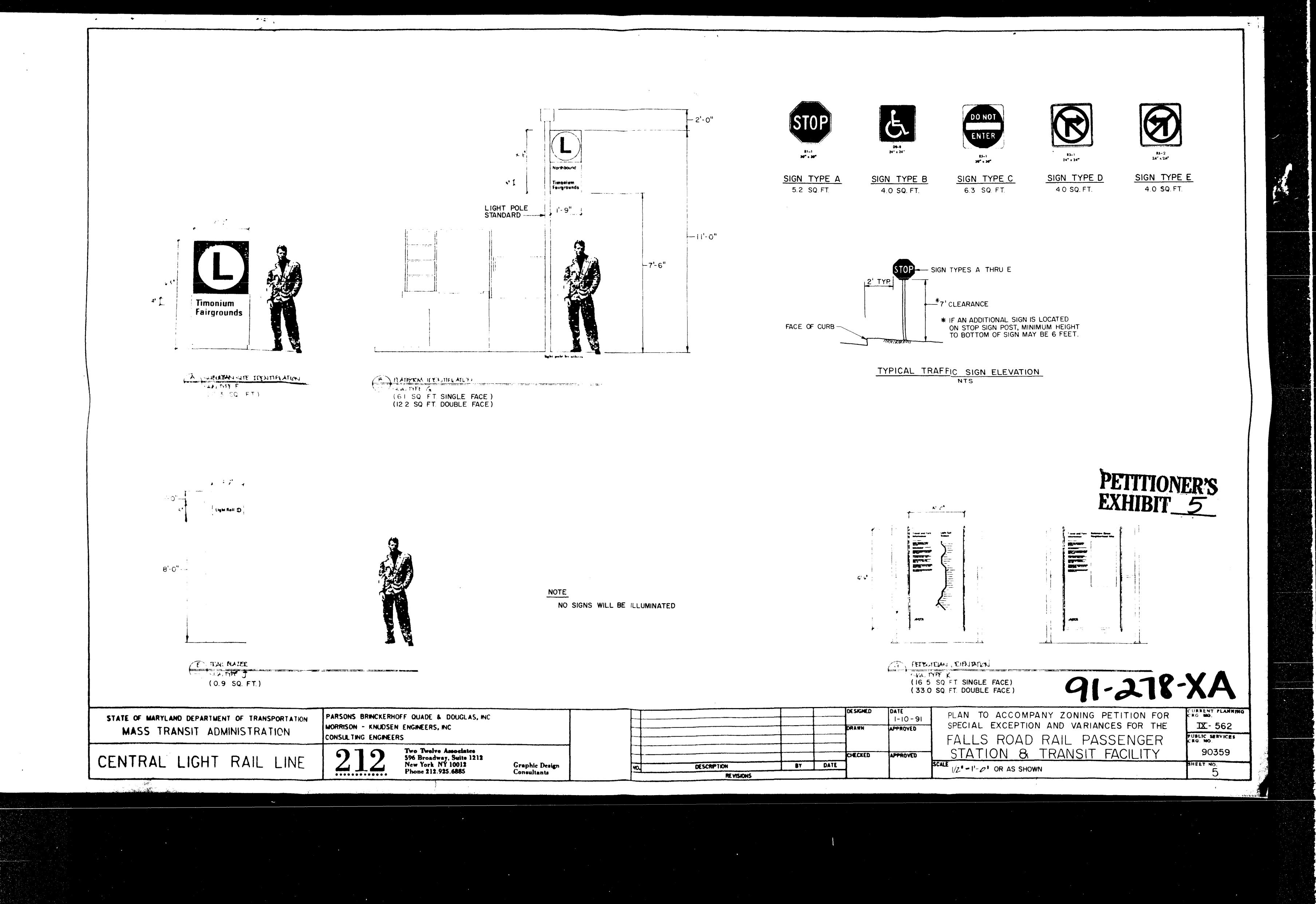


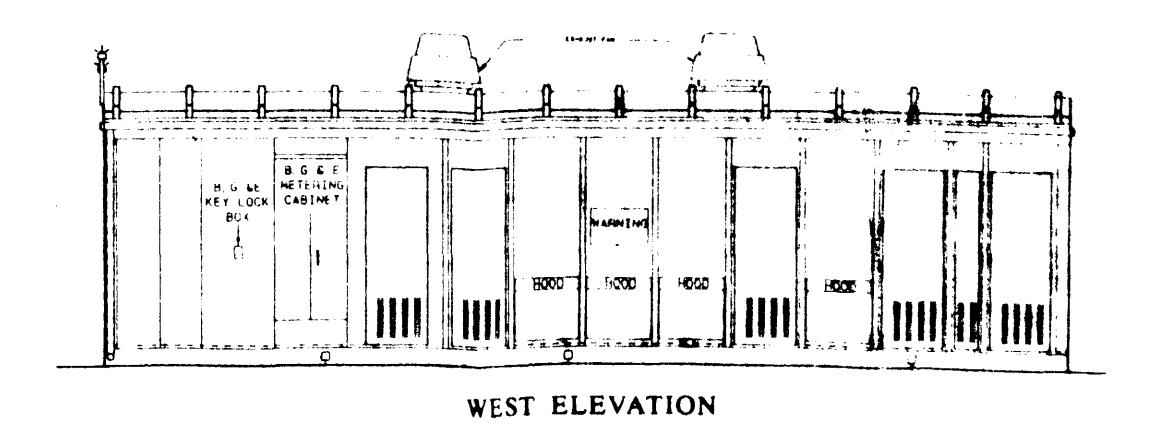


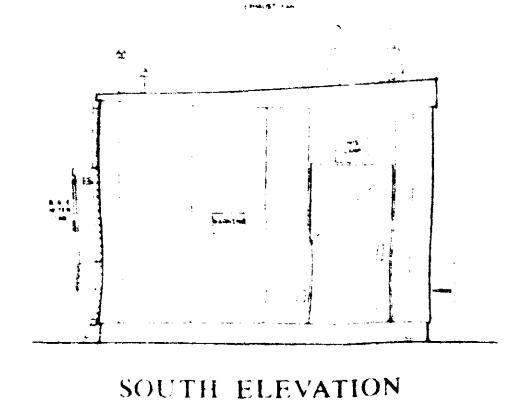


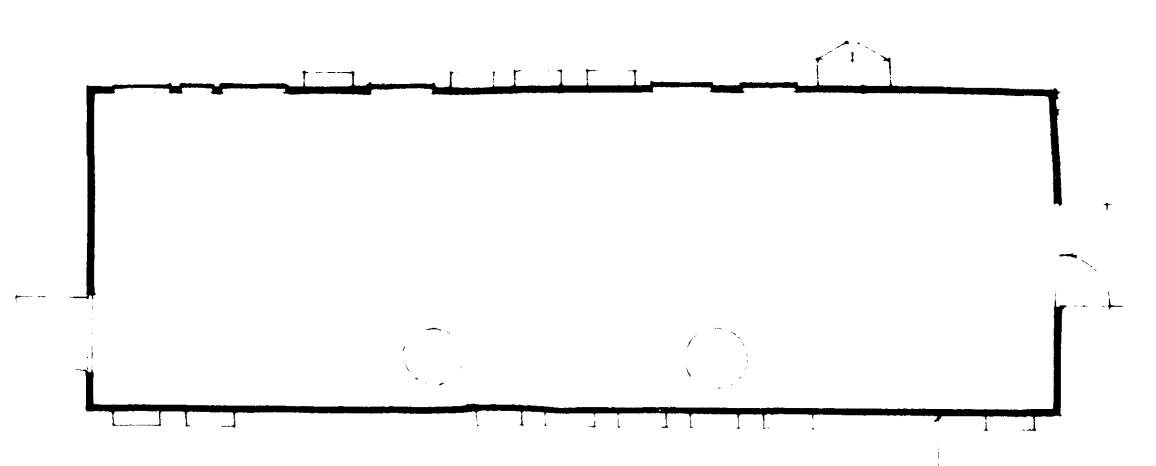


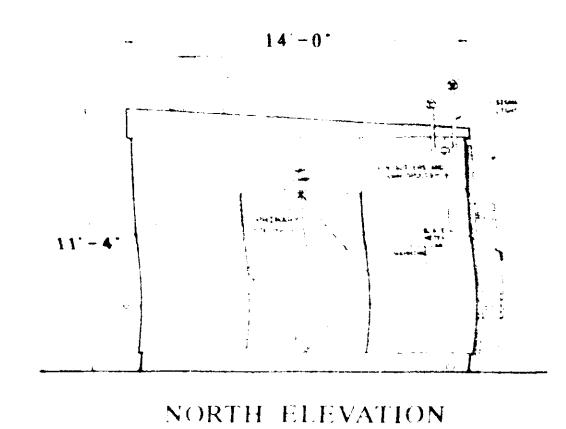




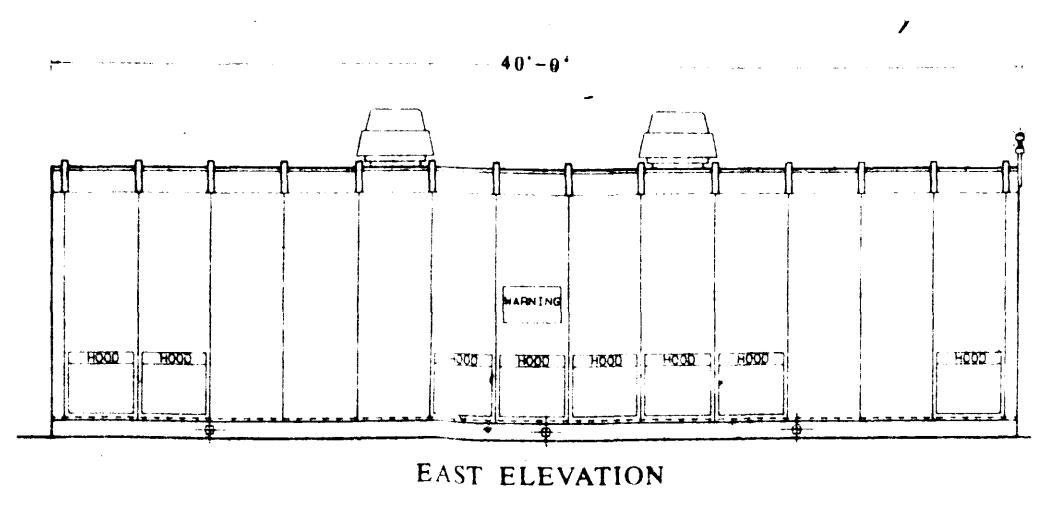












PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT_6

NOTE:
THE TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION IS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN
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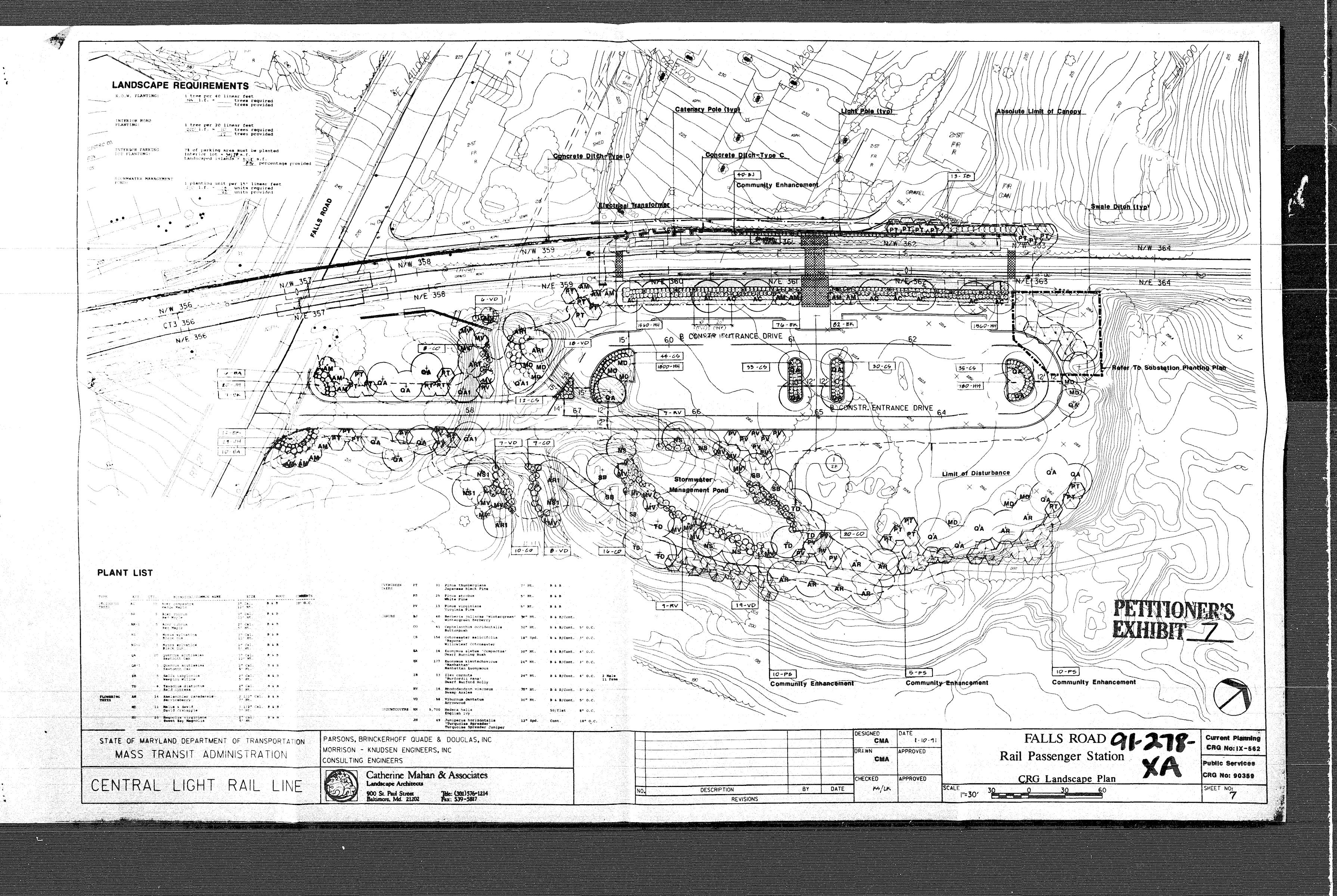
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	STATION & TRANSIT FACILITY
:	SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

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Additionally, there was no compelling reason given at the hearing for the excessive height of the light standards proposed for the parking lot and platform area. Therefore, the light standards will be addressed accordingly in the restrictions at the conclusion of this Order.

It is clear that County Council Bill #91-90 permits the proposed use in the subject D.R.5.5 and 0-1 zones by special exception. Clearly, the Petitioner's request is contemplated by the Baltimore County Council and Bill #91-90 defines a "Rail Passenger Station" as:

> "A facility designed as a place for boarding and alighting from rail passenger vehicles. A rail passenger station may include such facilities as bus bays, parking area or taxicab stands as accessory uses."

The testimony and evidence presented in this matter clearly established that Petitioner's proposal is a "rail passenger station" as that term is used in Bill #91-90. Therefore, it must be determined whether the conditions as delineated by Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. are satisfied by the Petitioner.

The term "special exception" refers to a "grant by a zoning administrative body pursuant to existing provisions of zoning law and subject to certain guides and standards of special use permitted under provisions of existing zoning law.". Cadem v. Nanna, 243 Md. 536, 543 (1966). It is a part of a comprehensive zoning plan, sharing the presumption that it is in the interest of the general welfare and is, therefore, valid. Rockville Fuel and Feed Co. v. Board of Appeals of the City of Gaithersburg, 257 Md. 183 (1970). It is a use which has been legislatively predetermined to be conditionally compatible with the uses permitted as of right in a particular zone, the condition being that a zoning body must, in each case, decide under specified statutory standards whether presumptive compatibility exists. Creswell v. Baltimore Aviation Service, Inc., 257 Md. 712 (1970). The Baltimore County Council has decided that rail passenger station is a conditionally compatible use in a D.R. 5.5 zone. The issue then becomes whether or not the specific location in this case is consistent with the specific statutory standards in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. In sum, special exception is a "valid zoning mechanism that delegates to an administrative board a limited authority to permit enumerated uses which the legislative body has determined can, prima facie, properly be allowed in a specified use district, absent any fact or circumstance in a particular case which would change this presumptive finding." Rockville Fuel, 257 Md. at 188. (Citing Montgomery County v. Merlands Club, Inc., 202 Md. 279, 287 (1953)).

The burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. rests squarely on the Petitioner. In fact, the Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A2d 1319 (1981). In fact, all of the issues raised about this rail station by the Protestants are the same issues and problems that would concern any residential community about any rail station in any community. The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted, as requested.

Additionally, the Petitioner has requested the aforementioned variance relief.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App.

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the variances were not granted. It has been estab-

PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the

Herein described property for the Falls Road Rail Passenger Station use

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

lished that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the Special Exception and Variance relief should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, I'I IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 12" day of March, 1991 that a Petition for Special Exception for permission to construct the Falls Road Rail Passenger Station and Transit Facility on the subject site, as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Zoning Variance from Sections 204.4.A, 1BO2.2.B (V.B.2., CMDP) to permit at the Falls Road Rail Station a 7 ft. rear yard setback for the southbound highblock (ramp) and an 8 ft. rear yard setback for the shelter in lieu of the required 30 ft. setback in the 0-1 zone, as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, is hereby GRANTED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Zoning Variance from Sections 255.2, 243.1 to permit a 45 ft. front yard setback for the northbound highblock (ramp) in lieu of the required 75 ft. setback in the M.L. zone, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the aforegoing relief:

> The Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this

Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 15 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible

2. Light standards on the proposed parking lot shall have a total height of no greater than 16 ft. and light standards on the proposed platforms no greater than a height of 10 ft.

for returning, said property to its original

condition.

3. The Petitioner shall prepare a landscape plan to be approved by the Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Zoning the Baltimore County Landscape Planner. The landscape plan shall include the vegetative buffer/pedestrian barrier along Railroad Avenue property line. The design, precise width and composition of the vegetative buffer should be developed in conjunction with the Landscape Planner and Deputy Director. Minimum specifications of said vegetative buffer shall include those outlined in this Order. The effective height of said vegetative buffer shall be 8 ft. Said plans shall be submitted to the Zoning Commissioner for final approval on or before June 15, 1991.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

JRH: mmn cc: Peoples Counsel

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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March 11, 1991

Irwin Brown, Esquire 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

RE: Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance Case No. 91-278-XA Mass Transit Administration, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

cc: Peoples Counsel cc: Protestants

area located in the D.R.5.5 and O-1 zones. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser: Maryland Mass Transit Administration (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) NWSIS Ronald J. Hartman, Administrator (Type or Print Name) City and State Attorney for Petitioner 300 W. Lexington Street 333<u>-3</u>885 Irwin Brown (Type or Print Name) Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415 Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415 Christine A. Wells, Representative City and State Attorney's Telephone No.: 333-3315 300 W. Lexington Street 333-2875 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 1921, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 196, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 204.4A, 1802.2B (V.B.2., C.M.D.P) to permit at the Falls Road Rail Station a 7 foot rear yard setback for the southbound highblock (ramp) and an 8 foot rear yard setback for the shelter in lieu of the required 30 foot setback in the 0-1 zone; and from section 255.2, 243.1 to permit a 45 foot front yard setback for the northbound highblock (ramp) in lieu of the required 75 foot setback in the ML zone. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The proposed highblocks will allow mobility impaired persons to board light rail vehicles. Their locations are fixed for proximity to the front door of the vehicle. It is impossible to meet the required rear setback on the southbound highblock; and frontyard setbacks on the northbound highblock within the MTA right-of-way. Mobility impaired persons would experience unreasonable hardship without highblocks. right-of-way. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County, are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Pelition. Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser Mass Transit Administration (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) City and State Attorney for Petitioner Irwin Brown (Type or Print Name) Baltimore, Maryland City and State 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415 City and State

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The proposed shelter is located on the platform for the use and comfort of passengers.

It is impossible to meet the required 30 foot rear yard setback within the MTA

1/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we

Ronald J. Hartman, Administrator

Phone No.

21201-3415 Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted

Christine A. Wells, Representative *333-2875* 300 W. Lexington Street

Attorney's Telephone No.: 333-3315 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day

of _______, 1921_, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore